

Whitecliffe Community Liaison Group Meeting

25 July 2023

This meeting was held via Video Conference.

<p>1.0</p>	<p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Danny Nicklen, Ebbsfleet ward Cllr Jonathon Hawkes, Ebbsfleet ward (part) Cllr Victoria Akintomide-Akinwamide, Ebbsfleet ward Penny Marsh, SEBA, Pioneer Minister for Kent Thameside Sheila Eade, Major, The Salvation Army Majid Ali, Ashmere resident Che Eade, Senior Planning Officer, EDC Kimberley Short, Property Manager, RMG Adam Owen, Project Director, Camland Consulting Lorraine Morrison, Estate Manager, Camland Consulting Claire Winterflood, Communications Consultant</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>1.1</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Cllr Peter Harman, Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council Cllr David Mote Mark Cawthorne, Castle Hill Residents' Group; Mrs Raveena Mehmi, Ashmere resident Craig Morrison, Estates and Community Centre Manager, RMG Anna Komajda, Project Manager, Camland Consulting</p>	<p>Note</p>

PLANNING

	NOTE	ACTION
<p>2.0</p>	<p>PCSOs Kent Police has confirmed that they have decided to decline the proposal to use the s106 contribution to provide funded PCSOs for the area, but the s106 Community Police Contribution will still be provided to Kent Police as per the s106. The trigger date for this payment is Spring 2024. EDC has a meeting with Nick Grainger from Kent Police next week and will be revisiting where this money can be reallocated.</p>	<p>EDC</p>
<p>2.1</p>	<p>Streetlight at Giles Drive Information and contact details for BDW have been passed to Adam Skinner, EDC's Enforcement Lead. Update to follow.</p>	<p>EDC</p>

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

	NOTE	ACTION
3.0	<p>Communication to residents via RMG portal Craig is investigating creation of a separate portal to allow comms to be sent to Clarion and Countryside residents.</p>	RMG/Clarion/ Countryside
3.1	<p>Ayres Drive and Fastrack – The fault has been found and reported to GTC and HC is awaiting a repair date.</p>	HC
3.2	<p>Castle Hill Drive traffic lights A new cable and meter have been installed. This will be up and running in 2/3 weeks South of the Observatory entrance.</p>	HC
3.3	<p>Rubbish Bins The letter to Ashmere residents re leaving bins outside properties other than on collection days is still to be issued.</p>	RMG
3.4	<p>Walker Close and Merrill Close signs Che confirmed a street sign design guide is in place. HC will share details of the supplier they have recently placed an order with who are able to produce the correct style new signs. Dartford Borough Council is happy to replace the Merrill Close sign that their waste lorry knocked if RMG can place the order.</p>	HC/RMG
3.5	<p>NPC Parking Management in Ashmere Many residents are upset with the new parking restrictions put in place in Ashmere, while they have been welcomed by others. A lengthy discussion concluded that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking management is in the TP1 document and rent charge deeds that residents sign as part of their purchase/occupation • The parking strategy is being rolled out across the whole of Whitecliffe • Countryside and RMG are meeting on 26 July to discuss suspending enforcement on estate roads until next steps are agreed and communicated • The communication to residents should be sent with a map explaining who owns what road and what the parking restrictions are/will be. 	RMG/Countr y-side
3.6	<p>Blue Badge parking A policy document was issued but HC will review with reference to private roads and visitor bays not being near enough to where you are visiting. <i>(post meeting note – a revised policy is attached with these minutes)</i></p>	HC
3.8	<p>Shepherd Neame pub EDC has begun early-stage discussions with Shepherd Neame to understand their programme for the delivery of the pub, and how they can support this. The 2019 planning permission has now expired so a new application will need to be submitted.</p>	EDC
3.9	<p>Motorbikes accessing Northern footpath This was raised by Bellway’s sales representative. “A” frame barriers which would stop bikes cannot be installed as this would stop access for wheelchairs and double buggies. HC has advised that this activity should be reported to the Police.</p>	Note
3.10	<p>Roadsign error in Ashmere Signs displaying ‘Borough of Ebbsfleet’ have been changed.</p>	Note

3.11	Salt bin location review Craig will send Danny a revised map.	RMG

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.0	Arriva Bus Service Penny has received complaints regarding the availability of the service even just to get to the station. HC will pick up with Arriva.	HC
4.1	Delays to school opening Cllr Hawkes would like further detail on why the school is delayed particularly with reference to primary places. EDC explained the school is opening in 2025, in line with planning permission. EDC will email the ward councillors directly with more information re calculations used to determine the number of school spaces required vs number of homes. <i>A copy of a statement issued by Henley Camland is attached to these minutes for information.</i>	EDC HC
4.2	EWS forms re residents selling their properties on Lett Lane RMG confirmed these are not required and there is a standard letter on RMG's portal that residents can use.	DN
4.3	Castle Hill Drive speeding Cllr Nicklen explained another animal has sadly been killed on Castle Hill Drive and vehicles speeding is still a concern. This is a walking route and used by pupils en route to the footpath to Ebbsfleet Primary Academy. HC will review and consider options.	HC
4.4	Summer Fair Cllr Nicklen would like to thank everyone involved with the success of the Summer Fair, in particular RMG and HC.	Note
4.5	Be Safe resident newsletter Following concerns about the number of young people trespassing and entering the lakes/construction site, a meeting took place with Councillors, EDC, HC, RMG and Kent Police. HC has issued a newsletter which will be doordropped to all residents in Whitecliffe and the surrounding roads. This has also been emailed to primary and secondary schools in the area. Security has been increased and bodycam footage of trespassers will be shared with Kent Police.	Note
4.6	Ashmere resident rep The CLG would like to thank Raveena Mehmi and Majid Ali for their regular attendance and contribution to the CLG meetings. This will be their last meeting. HC will be recruiting for another resident representative from Ashmere.	ALL Note
5.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 2pm.	Note